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SEGA games now available at £2 each... GOLDEN JOYSTICK winners revealed... and the Winter Olympics and Alien Sex Fiend both get snapped up...

THE POLLS ARE IN!

Luvvies! Dahlings! The results of our annual Golden Joystick awards are in, after the plush ceremony held last month in Kensington and hosted, as ever, by the none-too-cheap Jonathan Ross. Like every year, the video games industry gathered to slap each other on the backs and, afterwards, get together for a celebratory glass of mineral water. Of course you scruffy little urchins weren't allowed to go, even though you voted for the things, so for your benefit, here's the full rundown of who won what:

BEST CONSOLE ORIGINAL ACTION GAME
Desert Strike (Megadrive/EA)

BEST COMPUTER SIMULATION
Formula One Grand Prix (PC/Microprose)

BEST LICENSED CONSOLE GAME
Street Fighter II (Super NES/CapCom)

BEST LICENSED COMPUTER GAME
Indiana Jones and the Fate of Atlantis (PC/LucasArts)

BEST ORIGINAL CONSOLE GAME
Sonic 2 (Megadrive/Sega)

BEST ORIGINAL COMPUTER GAME
Alone in the Dark (PC/Infogrames)

COMPUTER GAME OF THE YEAR
Sensible Soccer (Amiga/Renegade)

CONSOLE GAME OF THE YEAR
Street Fighter II (Super NES/CapCom)

HAND-HELD GAME OF THE YEAR
Super Kick Off (Game Gear/US Gold)

PROGRAMMING TEAM OF THE YEAR
LucasArts

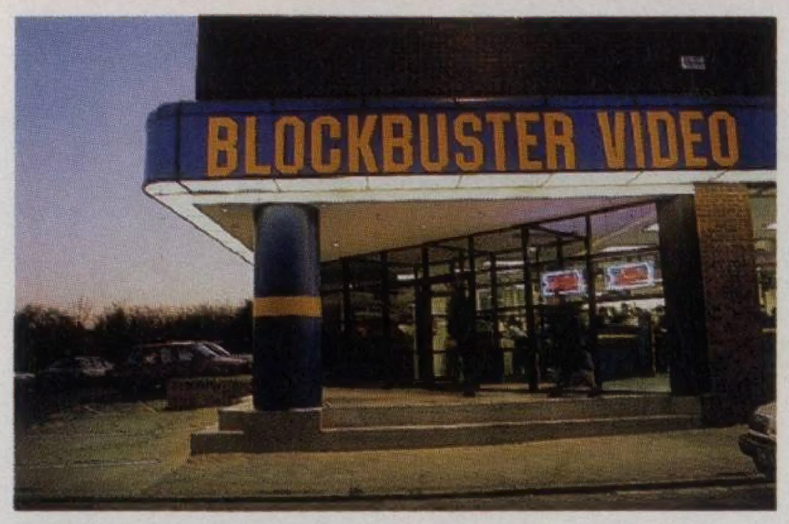
PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR
Sonic 2 (Sega)

SOFTWARE HOUSE OF THE YEAR
Electronic Arts and Team 17 (Joint winners)

See you all next year! Not.

SEGA'S BLOCKBUSTER

● SEGA ● 071 373 3000 ●



A Blockbuster shop somewhere in England yesterday. "Come and discover the difference" it says here. Sounds like a good idea.

Rental games are here to stay – and that's official. Sega has linked up with Blockbuster, the country's biggest video rental chain, to stock its cartridges in 160 Blockbuster and Ritz stores around the UK. By the end of the Summer all 814 shops in the chain will be stocking Sega games.

The 250 titles, including all the latest releases, are up for rent at £2 per night – which gives gameplayers an excellent chance to try a game out for a day before deciding whether to buy it – but we also hear that Sega may be planning to launch certain games on rental ONLY, which means you won't be able to buy them outright. It's a "pay as you play" system which means the better the game, the longer you'll want to rent out the cartridge for.

With rental games finally making the move out of rinky-tink video shops and into the big-name chains, it looks like they're here for good – and Nintendo might at last be forced to finally swallow its pride and release its titles for rental too if it wants to keep up with market leaders Sega.

YOU FIENDS!

● US GOLD ● 021 625 3388 ●

Fans of the perverse may be interested to know that in its latest wacky licensing deal, Ocean has signed up aging rock band Alien Sex Fiend to produce music for the CD versions of one of the company's biggest upcoming games, Inferno. They've been working with Ocean's in-house music man at the firm's Manchester studios. We can hardly wait to hear the result...

MEGADRIVE CHART

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1. **SUPER KICK OFF** (US Gold)
2. **PGA TOUR GOLF 2** (EA)
3. **TINY TOONS** (Konami)
4. **ANOTHER WORLD** (Virgin)
5. **STREETS OF RAGE** (Sega)
6. **SONIC 2** (Sega)
7. **CYBORG JUSTICE** (Sega)
8. **LEMMINGS** (Sunsoft)
9. **MEGA-LO-MANIA** (Virgin)
10. **SUNSET RIDERS** (Konami)

BRRRR!

● OCEAN ● 061 832 6633 ●

As the software industry goes licence crazy, US Gold has just announced it's signed up the video game rights to this year's Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer.

Gamers can expect a snow-covered multi-event extravaganza to tie in with the official Games at the end of the year, along the lines of that old classic Winter Games and, more recently, Accolade's Winter Challenge. Beyond that there's no firm info, as US Gold's not saying anything about the game, and obviously it's not due out until the end of the year. Funny time to announce a winter licence though, when everybody is sweating their b****s off.**

PC CHART

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1. **X-WING** (US Gold)
2. **STRIKE COMMANDER** (EA)
3. **EYE OF THE BEHOLDER 3** (US Gold)
4. **THE LEGACY** (Micropose)
5. **ZOOL** (Gremlin)
6. **REACH FOR THE SKIES** (Virgin)
7. **FREDDY PHARKAS** (Sierra)
8. **SHADOW OF THE COMET** (Infogrames)
9. **CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER'93** (Domark)
10. **XENOBOTS** (EA)